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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

November 23, 2004

The County of Los Angeles has an active volunteer program, which includes more than 47,000 individuals who give generously of their time and talents to various County projects. In 2003, the latest year a complete set of data is available, Countywide volunteers donated more than 3.7 million hours, valued at \$62 million dollars.

Volunteers participated in a wide variety of projects, ranging from beach cleanups and literacy improvement to nutritional advice, sports, teen and senior citizen outreach programs.

The Countywide Volunteer Program carries out the County's motto "To Enrich Lives Through Caring and Effective Service." It also fulfills key aspects of the County's Strategic Plan. Service Excellence is achieved because volunteers enhance County services that are beneficial and responsive to community needs. The program meets the Fiscal Responsibility designation because with more than 3.7 million volunteer hours donated, the County was able to save \$62 million dollars.

In support of national Volunteer Week, April 17 through 23, 2005, the County will

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Sponsor its 23rd annual "Volunteer of the Year" luncheon and recognition ceremony on Monday, April 18, 2005, in the Grand Hall of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center. The theme will be "Volunteers Work Magic."

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

- Proclaim the week of April 17 through 23, 2005 as "Volunteer Recognition Week" in the County of Los Angeles, and encourage County department heads to support the volunteer program within their respective departments, including submitting volunteer hours on a quarterly basis to the Chief Administrative Office, Office of Workplace Programs; and
- 2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Office to use \$35,000, currently budgeted, for the 2005 volunteer program and the 23rd annual Volunteer of the Year luncheon and recognition ceremony; and
- 3. Waive the \$1,200 rental fee, excluding liability, for use of the Grand Hall of the Music Center for the 2005 Volunteer of the Year luncheon and recognition ceremony on Monday, April 18, 2005; and
- 4. Waive parking fees in the amount of \$1,750, excluding liability insurance, for parking at the Music Center for honorees and supporters attending the Volunteer of the Year luncheon and recognition ceremony scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2005.

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